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In February 1953 it was rumored that the Bratislava-Ivanka (P 49/Y 09) airfield was to be enlarged considerably. The section of the Bratislava (P 49/X 99)-Ivanka road along the northern edge of the field was to be included in the airfield area. However, no work at the field indicated the beginning of construction work. Daily two large Skoda buses as used for the transportation of civilians were observed near the hangars. No Soviet personnel was seen at the field. Six new single-story quartering buildings, about 40 x 12 meters, were observed west of the field. In February 1953, the buildings were apparently occupied. The airfield had two runways. One of them extended from east to west in a length of about 2,500 meters and had less wide extension of about 150 meters to the east. The other runway extended from north to south in a width of about 80 meters. On the western edge of this runway was a row of searchlights which extended beyond the road to the north. 4 jet aircraft, apparently MIG-15s, were parked east of the hangar at the western end of the east-west runway. additional aircraft were stationed at the field. South of the quartering buildings mentioned and the western end of the runway to the south, an iron tower, about 35 meters high. No radio installations were identified.

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Comment. The present report supplements previous information. The airfield is allegedly to be used as commercial airfield. The four MIG-15s probably represent an alert flight which possibly belongs to the SNB unit which is believed to be stationed in Vajnory. No air unit is believed to be stationed at the Bratislava-Ivanka airfield.

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